

**Charles.Reeves.ETHICS**

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Hello Mr. Reeves,

I hope all is well! We apologize for the late submittal I thought that we had until December 22, 2021 to submit the response. We have been really swamped with matters beyond our control that has impacted our schedules. The delay in filing the report was caused by a system error that appeared several times when the report was in the process of being submitted. The report that was initially submitted was not accepted by your system. We were able to retrieve pictures as proof that we attempted to submit timely. Please note that the pictures show the attempts were made timely. The video that was recorded is not accessible because the phone is not in service. Also, please note that your office was contacted immediately to report the issue and your colleagues were able to help with steps to get the report filed. Please be aware this was not an attempt circumvent the filing requirements. The system would not allow the report to be submitted. After speaking with your colleagues and gathering information the report was submitted and accepted by your system without issue.

Based on the trouble with submitting the reports and the documentation that attempts were made within the requisite time allowed. We ask that the ethics fines be waived. Also, Judge Sheppard is not available on January 7, 2022 due to her work schedule and I ask that this matter be reset on a date so that she can appear before the board. Lastly, please note that I am going to withdraw as the person to file the reports and

recommend that someone with more experience file the reports to avoid future challenges or in the alternative gain additional training in this area.

Thank you for your consideration!

Best regards,

J. T. Allen